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Subject: Settlement Proposal is no punishment

Unbelievable:

If ever there were an unchallenged monopolistic entity in the history of America it is Microsoft. Microsoft then used that monopoly to force lagitament Companies out of business or as close to it as possible, by either offering a Microsoft version of the product free (Internet Explorer web browser) or by packaging there own version of a popular software into the Windows operating system (Eliminating the need for the competing software).

The governments final decision on how to punish Microsoft for these crimes (The practices they used are illegal and hence crimes) is to have Microsoft give its software to schools around the country for free....thereby extending and enforcing there monopoly for generations to come??? Please tell me how this is punishment? Please tell me how this gives justice to the thousands of companies that were forced out of business and lost there livelihood?

By this standard of "justice" (And I use the term in its loosest since) a fitting punishment for a company that broke into Microsoft headquarters and stole all the source code for all there software and then redistributed it under there own company name to profit by billions would be to have that company give Microsoft some free software. Then everythings OK right? Yeah we forced you out of business and caused thousands to lose there jobs and took away your livelihood, but hey....heres a free CD.

If this is to be what "Justice" is to be in this country, then Im going to move my family to Russia, or Afghanistan, or Iraq where their since of justice is far superior to that of the United States.

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